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Applicant(s): Wurster et al. Confirmation No.: 7425  
Serial No.: 10/632,803 Art Unit: 2614  
Filed: August 4, 2003 Examiner: AL AUBAIDI, RASHA S  
Title: TELEPHONE NETWORK CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**(NO ABANDONMENT IN FACT)**

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 13, 2006, stating that the above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2005. On June 15, 2006, Applicants submitted proof of filing of a proper response in the form of an Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with a fee authorization statement filed November 7, 2005, with a Petition for Extension of Time (EoT). Applicants have received no further reply and are thus filing a Request for Reconsideration of the Holding of Abandonment (No Abandonment in Fact).

Applicants submit that the RCE and EoT were timely filed on November 7, 2005. Attached herewith is a copy of the RCE, EoT, Applicants facsimile receipt dated November 7, 2005 (including the facsimile markings from the resubmission June 13, 2006), and the USPTO Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission dated November 7, 2005 (Exhibit A). Further submitted is a copy of Applicants' Letter of June 15, 2006, stating that the RCE and EoT were timely filed (Exhibit B).

Each of these documents is also viewable in the Image File Wrapper (IFW), however, the RCE is erroneously dated as June 15, 2006, rather than November 7, 2005. Applicants request correction of the date in IFW to accurately reflect the date of submission.

In view of the above facts, Applicants submit that there has been no abandonment in fact and respectfully request reconsideration of the holding of abandonment of the present application.

Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, should the Commissioner deem a fee due in connection with this paper, please charge any shortage in fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-2347 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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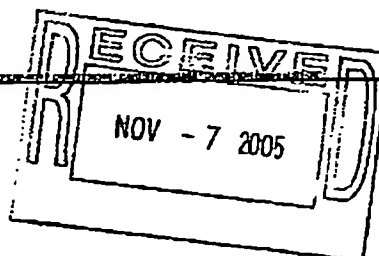
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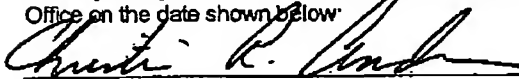
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply previously filed on October 6, 2005.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
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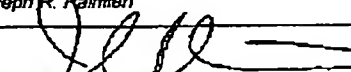
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(n) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-2347
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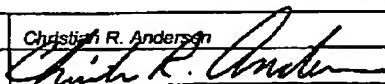
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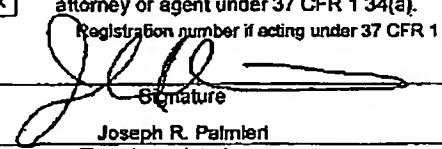
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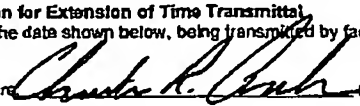
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For    TELEPHONE NETWORK CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD			
Art Unit            2642 - Confirmation No. 7425		Examiner            Rasha A. AL AUBAIDI	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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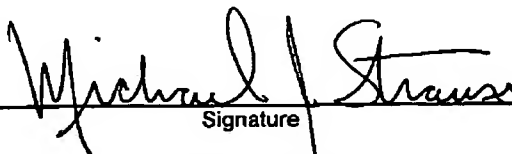
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**LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are copies of a (i) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and (ii) Petition for Extension of Time as originally filed on November 7, 2005 in connection with the above identified patent application. Included are documents evidencing the earlier filing date including an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission received from the U.S.P.T.O., a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, and facsimile transmission confirmation sheet. It is understood that the retransmission will be forwarded to the Art Unit for further action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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